requirements of women patients. After all Kottayam is a small place unlike Alleppey, Nagercoil or Quilon. For the provision of additional cells at the Police lock up at Kottayam an estimate was received by the Chief Engineer who found no provision in the budget for this year. So the estimate must stand over till 1105 when alone funds will be available.

125. Needs of Tiruvalla.

MR. K. J. ABRAHAM (*Member, Municipal Council, Tiruvalla*) said that the Tiruvalla market canal could be rendered more useful by widening and deepening the Vayalapalli canal. The latter was a canal connecting the Tiruvalla market canal and the Peringara canal. The improvement of this canal was the subject of representations both at the 23rd and 24th sessions of the Assembly. It was only about two furlongs in length. By improving the canal, a direct route could be established between Alleppey and Tiruvalla. A bridge should be put up at the Muthur Kadavu on the Danapadi-Muthur road. On both sides of this road there were many temples, churches, and other public institutions. For want of a bridge here, several accidents were taking place year by year.

The Kuttapuzha scheme should be investigated soon. The public also might be taken into confidence in this matter and they might be informed of the measures proposed.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Abraham, improvement of the Tiruvalla market canal is in progress.

You want a bridge at the 4th furlong of the second mile of the canal. You just said that the principal purpose of the canal is the transport of goods to Alleppey for trade. I do not see how that main purpose will be served by a bridge there. In any case it can wait. It is not a very urgent matter.

In regard to Kuttapuzha todu, I have only to repeat what I said the other day.

126. Needs of the Alleppey town.

MR. K. A. PICHABAVA SAHEB (*Member, Municipal Council, Alleppey*) said that the Alleppey municipality was in receipt of a yearly grant of Rs. 3,691 from Government. But the annual expenditure of the municipality varied roughly from Rs. 7,000 in 1099 to about Rs. 9,000 in 1103. The roads in the town were in the charge of the municipality. For supervising the maintenance of the roads the municipality had appointed an officer on a pay of Rs. 30-50. But the condition of the roads was still far from satisfactory, due mainly to increase of traffic. Government should see that the roads were metalled by the Public Works Departmet. The lanes in the town should also be converted into roads.

Government should make arrangements for supply of good water at Alleppey.

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Roads should be opened on both sides of the canal from Chunkam to Pallathuruthi.

Four cross-roads should be opened from the Kalarcode-Ambalapuzha road. Articles could now be taken only at a very high cost from the beach to the road.

A light railway should be opened from Arur to Alleppey. This would facilitate to a very great extent the carrying on of the trade between Alleppey and Cochin.

A bridge should be put up across the Wadathodu near the timber depot. The Kothuval bridge should be repaired and thrown open to traffic. A bridge should be put up at Chunkam.

The municipality should be permitted to put up a good building for the municipal office.

The office of the Assistant Superintendent of Police at Chengannur should be shifted to Alleppey.

Police guards should be posted for keeping watch over the loading and unloading of goods at the port. This would prevent the occurrence of thefts of goods and also the entry of unlicensed boats into the port.

A women and chidren's hospital should be established at Alleppey.

A dispensary should be established at Chunkam.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Pichabava Saheb, I am glad to be able to tell you that the Municipality has addressed Government expressing their inabilty to carry out the task of maintaining the roads and I now have that matter in hand. The President has forwarded the resolution of the Municipal Council requesting that Government should take over the roads from the year 1104. The original period of 5 years has elapsed. I am pleased to say that that matter is receiving consideration now because Alleppey is an important town where the resources or the means of the municipality have not yet developed to an extent that they will be able to maintain their roads and it is better for Government to resume this duty. So I hope when a retransfer is effected the roads in the municipality will be much better than you at present indicate.

The water supply in the town, I understand, is engaging the attention of the Municipality and Government will render all help in every possible way. In regard to the bridges you mention, the Chief Engineer did send in estimates and he has been asked to revise them, since old bridges have to be replaced to suit modern traffic conditions.

It is a very interesting suggestion of yours to have a light railway between Alleppey and Arur. I believe some years ago there was an idea to have a light railway in Shertallai. The requirements of the Municipality in the matter of its municipal office should be addressed to Government by the Municipal Council.

The whole question of allocation of police stations is now receiving attention and the Police Commissioner hopes ere long to place proposals before Government and I am sure your suggestion for the better policing of Alleppey will come up in that connection.

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I have already heard of the very real and urgent need for marine police at Alleppey as thefts between ships and pier are becoming increasingly common and measures are being considered to put a stop to it.

I understand that the Administrative Board has under consideration the question of a women and children's hospital at Alleppey and I must await these proposals before I can say anything definite in the matter.

As to the question of a dispensary at Chunkam there seem to be two opinions. You seem to think that the best locality is Chunkam. On the other hand the previous Darbar Physician and the Administrative Board consider that Mullakkal is the most suitable site. This will be taken up in connection with the next year's programme of dispensaries.

127. Needs of the Changanachery town.

MR. K. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Member, Municipal Council, Changanachery*) spoke on the following needs of Changanachery:

The Poovakkatu *chira* should be improved. The same subject was taken up for representation at several former sessions of the Assembly; but it was not sanctioned yet. There was a first grade college situated very near this *chira* as also three High Schools and three training schools. The rising importance of the Changanachery market also necessitated the improvement of this chira.

The Avanithodu and the Kakkanthodu should be widened and deepened. These canals, if improved, could be made to meet at the Kottayam—Vazhur junction. This would facilitate the transport of the hill produce of the eastern taluks to the Changanachery market.

The Kuttapuzha canal and the Chalakal canal should be opened. The opening of the Kuttapuzha canal would prevent the crops in the Kaviyur, Kallaoopara and other pakuthies in the eastbeing submerged under water in the rainy season and it would also improve the cultivation of the *punja* lands in the western pakuthies of the Changanachery taluk. The Chalakal canal had already been opened except for a furlong. The completion of this canal would make the *Punja* land in the north of the Changanachery taluk more fertile and it would also facilitate water communication in the eastern parts of the taluk.

The Travellers' Bangalow at Changanachery should be shifted to a more suitable site.

The Munsiff-Magistrate's Court should be shifted to the taluk office building, and the Village Panchayat Court and the Municipal office should be shifted to the building in which the Munsiff-Magistrate's Court was held.

All liquor shops should be removed from the limits of the Municipality.

The Municipality should be permitted to open toll-gates within the municipal limits. Those vehicles at least which arrived at Changanachery without paying tolls at any other place should be required to pay toll there.

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